

Review B: Subjects and Predicates

EXERCISE A For each of the following sentences, underline the simple subject once and the verb twice. Before the numeral, write (*you*) if the subject is understood. Be sure to include all parts of any verb phrases and all parts of compound subjects or verbs.

Example 1. Neither my cousin nor I will ever forget my visit to his city last spring.

1. Last spring, I saw a fire.
2. My cousin, a nurse at a state hospital, had invited me down for the weekend.
3. Like him, I am studying for a career as a nurse.
4. He lives in a comfortable nurses' residence next to the hospital.
5. For our Saturday dinner, my cousin and I had bought fish fillets.
6. At six o'clock he put the fillets under the broiler.
7. Meanwhile, I was happily making a Waldorf salad.
8. Suddenly, his name was called over the public address system.
9. He groaned, rose to his feet, and gave me instructions.
10. "Just watch television in my room for a while."

EXERCISE B For each of the following sentences, underline the complete subject once and the complete predicate twice. Circle each simple subject and verb.

Example 1. I turned on one of my favorite programs.

11. I had already seen that episode of the television program.
12. I soon fell asleep on the sofa.
13. What woke me?
14. A loud wail of sirens came from the street below.
15. To my horror, the kitchen was full of black, acrid smoke.
16. Three figures in smoke masks charged past me.
17. They ran into the kitchen and opened the oven.
18. The firefighters extinguished the remains of the fish and cleared away the smoke.
19. The kitchen was a mess.
20. My cousin and I cleaned the kitchen.